



# How to spend your time at Red Rock Canyon

## One hour - Scenic Drive

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## One to two hours - Short Hike

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## Three hours - Scenic Drive and Hike

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## Flash Floods!!



Can occur at anytime at Red Rock Canyon.  
Before you hike, check the local weather forecast.  
Never hike or drive across a flooded path.  
Watch for clouds building over the mountains around the scenic drive. They may produce flash floods.

## Climate & Temperatures

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area averages 294 days of sunshine per year. Rainfall averages 4.23 inches per year and an average humidity of 29 percent. The average temperature is 66° F (19° C).

Seasonal High & Low Temperatures (°F)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	56	62	68	78	88	98	104	102	94	81	66	57
Low	32	37	42	50	59	68	75	73	65	53	40	33

## Visitor Facilities



**Accessibility:** Handicap accessible restrooms can be found at the visitor center and most pullouts on the scenic drive. Wheelchair accessible trails are at the Willow Springs picnic area and visitor center.



**Camping:** The 13-Mile Campground is located two miles (3.2 km) east of the visitor center on Hwy 159 and has 71 campsites and five group sites. Most campsites include a picnic table and grill, with water and toilets nearby. No hookups are available. There is a \$10 fee per night, with a limit of 10 people and two vehicles per site. Group campsites are \$25 per night. These sites are available for groups between 10 and 20 people. Advance payment is required. Reservations for group sites are required and may be made by calling 702-363-1921 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Reservations for group sites may be made up to six months in advance, but no later than one week in advance. *The access road into the campground is limited to campers only each night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.*

A variety of **backcountry camping** locations are available in Red Rock Canyon. Call 702-515-5050 to get more information and to obtain permits.



**Visitor Center:** The visitor center is open daily, from late October through March from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and from April through late October from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The facility is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. BLM staff and volunteers are available to give current information on roads and trail conditions. Exhibits explain the cultural and natural story of the conservation area. A gift shop and bookstore is operated by the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association (see sales on page 6).

## Scenic Drive Hours

**Opens daily at 6 a.m. year around**

**Closing hours as follows:**

**Winter 5 p.m.**  
**Spring 7 p.m.**  
**Summer 8 p.m.**  
**Fall 7 p.m.**

